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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR KING HUSSEIN FROM SENATORS JAVITS AND HUMPHREY

FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM SENATORS JAVITS AND HUMPHREY

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN FROM SENATORS JAVITS AND HUMPHREY.

BEGIN TEXT:

AS TWO OF THOSE MOST INVOLVED IN SEEKING TO WORK OUT A BROADLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA RESPECTING THE PACKAGE SALE OF THE HAWK MISSILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM TO JORDAN, WE URGE YOUR MAJESTY TO CONSIDER AGAIN THE THIRD OPTION PROPOSED IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE (AS DESCRIBED TO US) IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF ITS TERMS.

FOLLOWING SHIPMENT OF THE FIRST SIX BATTERIES OF HAWK MISSILES, THE CONGRESS RETAINS THE RIGHT TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. IF ON REVIEW ANY ACTION IS INITIATED IN EITHER HOUSE, CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF FURTHER SHIPMENTS WOULD REQUIRE AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF EACH HOUSE OF CONGRESS.
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SUCH CONCURRENT ACTION WOULD BE UNLIKELY AND IN OUR JUDG-

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WOULD CALL FOR QUITE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

WE HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT MANY FACTORS ARE INVOLVED
IN THE CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THIS PRO-
POSED SALE AND THAT LACK OF GOOD WILL TOWARD JORDAN OR
ANY LACK OF RESPECT FOR YOUR MAJESTY, ARE NOT RPT NOT
IN ANY WAY AMONG THOSE CONSIDERATIONS. ONE IMPORTANT
FACTOR IS THE ONGOING INSTITUTIONAL INTERPLAY WITHIN
THE U. S. CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND
THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OVER FOREIGN POLICY AND ARMS SALES
DECISIONS. THE CONGRESS FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT IS ITS
RIGHT AND DUTY TO REVIEW AN AGREEMENT OF THIS SIZE AT
ROUGHLY THE HALFWAY MARK IN THE PROPOSED DELIVERY SCHEDULE.

WE ASSURE YOUR MAJESTY THAT THERE IS GREAT UNDERSTANDING
FOR JORDAN/U.S. FRIENDSHIP, NO DESIRE TO BLOCK THIS SALE
AND THAT MID-TERM CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF HAWK SHIPMENTS
WILL BE OPEN-MINDED AND ON THE MERITS.

IN CONCLUSION WE HOPE YOUR MAJESTY WILL SEE YOUR WAY
THROUGH TO AGREEING TO THE FORMULA OUTLINED IN SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S PROPOSED THIRD OPTION AS EXPLAINED ABOVE.
IT WOULD BE A CHARACTERISTICALLY BROAD-GAUGED, FAR-SIGHTED
AND STATESMANLIKE DECISION. KISSINGER

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